GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CASTE BENEFITS IN DSSSB
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBCs holding caste certificates from the Government of the NCT of Delhi, are not entitled to claim caste benefits in respect of selections by the Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board (DSSSB); and

(b) if so, the reasons for denying them the caste benefits in respect of such selections?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Article 341 of the Constitution provides that the President may with respect to any State or Union Territory by public notification specify the castes, races or tribes which shall for the purposes of the Constitution be deemed to be Scheduled Castes in relation to that State or Union Territory, as the case may be. Accordingly, the president has notified Scheduled Castes in respect of Delhi and the benefit of reservation for appointment to civil posts under the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi is extended to them. A similar provision is contained in article 342 of the Constitution in respect of Scheduled Tribes. However, in relation to the National Capital Territory of Delhi, the President has not notified any tribes or tribal communities as Scheduled Tribes.

Reservation for other Backward Classes is provided in terms of the provisions of Article 16(4) of the Constitution which enables the State to make provision for the reservation of appointments or posts in favour of any backward class of citizens which, in the opinion of the State, is not adequately represented in the services under the State. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have notified the list of such backward classes and the benefit of reservation for appointment to such posts under the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi is available to the members of such backward classes.